

REVISIONS TO ALLOCATION FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOUDER). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KASICH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with section 218 of H. Con. Res. 290, I hereby submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD adjustments to the 302(a) allocation for the House Committee on Armed Services, set forth in H. Rept. 106-577, to reflect \$28 million in additional new budget authority and outlays for fiscal year 2001 and \$184 million in new budget authority and outlays for the period of fiscal years 2001 through 2005.

Section 218 of H. Con. Res. 290 authorizes the Chairman of the House Budget Committee to increase the 302(a) allocation of the Committee on Armed Services of the House for Department of Defense Authorization legislation by the amount of budget authority provided by that bill (and any resulting outlays) for improvements to health care programs for military retirees and their dependents. The maximum adjustment is \$50 million in fiscal year 2001 and \$400 million for the period of fiscal years 2001 through 2005.

As reported to the House, H.R. 4205, the Department of Defense Authorization Act of 2000, provides for various initiatives related to the improvement in military health, \$28 million in budget authority (and in the resulting outlays) in fiscal year 2001 and \$184 million in budget authority (and in resulting outlays) for the period of fiscal years 2001 through 2005.

These adjustments shall apply while the legislation is under consideration and shall take effect upon final enactment of the legislation. Questions may be directed to Dan Kowalski or Jim Bates at 6-7270.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 10 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2559, AGRICULTURAL RISK PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

Mr. COMBEST submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 2559) to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes.

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 106-639)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2559), to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

TITLE I—CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE

Subtitle A—Crop Insurance Coverage

- Sec. 101. Premium schedule for additional coverage.
- Sec. 102. Premium schedule for other plans of insurance.
- Sec. 103. Catastrophic risk protection.
- Sec. 104. Administrative fee for additional coverage.
- Sec. 105. Assigned yields and actual production history adjustments.
- Sec. 106. Review and adjustment in rating methodologies.
- Sec. 107. Quality adjustment.
- Sec. 108. Double insurance and prevented planting.
- Sec. 109. Noninsured crop disaster assistance program.

Subtitle B—Improving Program Integrity

- Sec. 121. Improving program compliance and integrity.
- Sec. 122. Protection of confidential information.
- Sec. 123. Good farming practices.
- Sec. 124. Records and reporting.

Subtitle C—Research and Pilot Programs

- Sec. 131. Research and development.
- Sec. 132. Pilot programs.
- Sec. 133. Education and risk management assistance.
- Sec. 134. Options pilot program.

Subtitle D—Administration

- Sec. 141. Relation to other laws.
- Sec. 142. Management of Corporation.
- Sec. 143. Contracting for rating of plans of insurance.
- Sec. 144. Electronic availability of crop insurance information.
- Sec. 145. Adequate coverage for States.
- Sec. 146. Submission of policies and materials to Board.
- Sec. 147. Funding.
- Sec. 148. Standard Reinsurance Agreement.

Subtitle E—Miscellaneous

- Sec. 161. Limitation on revenue coverage for potatoes.
- Sec. 162. Crop insurance coverage for cotton and rice.
- Sec. 163. Indemnity payments for certain producers.
- Sec. 164. Sense of Congress regarding the Federal crop insurance program.
- Sec. 165. Sense of Congress on rural America, including minority and limited-resource farmers.

Subtitle F—Effective Dates and Implementation

- Sec. 171. Effective dates.

Sec. 172. Regulations.

Sec. 173. Savings clause.

TITLE II—AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

Subtitle A—Market Loss Assistance

- Sec. 201. Market loss assistance.
- Sec. 202. Oilseeds.
- Sec. 203. Specialty crops.
- Sec. 204. Other commodities.
- Sec. 205. Payments in lieu of loan deficiency payments.
- Sec. 206. Expansion of producers eligible for loan deficiency payments.

Subtitle B—Conservation

- Sec. 211. Conservation assistance.
- Sec. 212. Condition on development of Little Darby National Wildlife Refuge, Ohio.

Subtitle C—Research

- Sec. 221. Carbon cycle research.
- Sec. 222. Tobacco research for medicinal purposes.
- Sec. 223. Research on soil science and forest health management.
- Sec. 224. Research on waste streams from livestock production.
- Sec. 225. Improved storage and management of livestock and poultry waste.
- Sec. 226. Ethanol research pilot plant.
- Sec. 227. Bioinformatics Institute for Model Plant Species.

Subtitle D—Agricultural Marketing

- Sec. 231. Value-added agricultural product market development grants.

Subtitle E—Nutrition Programs

- Sec. 241. Calculation of minimum amount of commodities for school lunch requirements.
- Sec. 242. School lunch data.
- Sec. 243. Child and adult care food program integrity.
- Sec. 244. Adjustments to WIC program.

Subtitle F—Other Programs

- Sec. 251. Authority to provide loan in connection with boll weevil eradication.
- Sec. 252. Animal disease control.
- Sec. 253. Emergency loans for seed producers.
- Sec. 254. Temporary suspension of authority to combine certain offices.
- Sec. 255. Farm operating loan eligibility.
- Sec. 256. Water systems for rural and Native villages in Alaska.
- Sec. 257. Crop and pasture flood compensation program.
- Sec. 258. Flood mitigation near Pierre, South Dakota.
- Sec. 259. Restoration of eligibility for crop loss assistance.

Subtitle G—Administration

- Sec. 261. Funding.
- Sec. 262. Obligation period.
- Sec. 263. Regulations.
- Sec. 264. Paygo adjustment.
- Sec. 265. Commodity Credit Corporation reimbursement.

TITLE III—BIOMASS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

- Sec. 301. Short title.
- Sec. 302. Findings.
- Sec. 303. Definitions.
- Sec. 304. Cooperation and coordination in biomass research and development.
- Sec. 305. Biomass Research and Development Board.
- Sec. 306. Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.
- Sec. 307. Biomass Research And Development Initiative.
- Sec. 308. Administrative support and funds.
- Sec. 309. Reports.
- Sec. 310. Termination of authority.

TITLE IV—PLANT PROTECTION ACT

- Sec. 401. Short title.
- Sec. 402. Findings.
- Sec. 403. Definitions.